

McKINNEY ISD COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY



In accordance with House Bill 1481, passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, McKinney ISD—along with school districts across the state—will implement a new policy that prohibits student use of personal communication devices during the school day. This policy will go into effect on August 12, 2025.

Q: WHAT DOES “SCHOOL DAY” MEAN?

When students enter the building until the dismissal bell.

Q: WHAT IF THERE'S A SCHOOL EMERGENCY?

During an emergency, students will follow directions provided by trained teachers and staff. Once it is safe, students may be permitted to use their personal communication devices to contact family members. McKinney ISD will also provide updates to parents and families.

Q: CAN MY STUDENT USE THEIR PHONE ON THE SCHOOL BUS?

Yes. The law only applies during the school day. Personal communication devices can be used before school or after school. Using a device during the school day is prohibited. This includes any bus transportation during the school day.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF MY STUDENT FORGETS THE DEVICE IS IN THEIR POCKET?

No issue arises if the device stays off and out of sight. The use or visible presence during the school day is strictly prohibited and will be treated as a violation.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A PHONE RINGS OR VIBRATES IN A BACKPACK DURING CLASS?

If the phone causes a disruption, even unintentionally, it may be confiscated and treated as a violation. Devices should be completely powered off during the school day.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS TO MY STUDENT'S CELL PHONE IF IT'S CONFISCATED FOR A VIOLATION? CELL PHONES ARE EXPENSIVE, AND I DON'T WANT THE PHONE TO GET LOST.

We understand that personal devices are important to students and their families. If a device is confiscated, it will be stored in a secure location in the front office. Only authorized personnel have access, and the device will remain there until it is returned directly to the student or picked up by a parent or guardian. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen devices.

Visit www.mckinneyisd.net for more information.

FAQs